



Dear District 10 Friends & Residents,

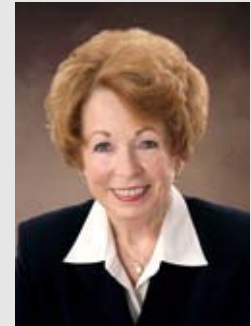
This past March turned out to be one of the busiest months ever in District 10! Now, as we enter into April, I'm excited by the prospect of new challenges, exciting events and even more interaction with District 10's fantastic residents. The month of March kicked off with a visit to Leland High School's annual Blue and Gold Auction, a great event that raises funds for one of the many spectacular schools we have in District 10. This was followed by a weeklong visit from the Lord Mayor of our Sister City in Dublin, Ireland. You'll be able to read all about their trip on page two of this newsletter, but that was only the beginning of a month that kept me on my toes from the 1st through the 31st.

Last month was unique because not only did we have two major holidays occur in the span of a week, but we also had a busy month at City Hall filled with Council and Committee meetings where we touched on everything from the upcoming budget sessions to the Citywide sign ordinance. Of particular note was this year's Senior St. Patrick's Day lunch. Each year my office puts on this festive event for the seniors in our community. Mayor Chuck Reed and I were able to truly share in the spirit of St. Patrick's Day by passing out small bags of chocolate gold coins to each of the seniors. Everyone was entertained by the music of singer/songwriter Peter Daldry, who, although originally from Clydebank, Scotland, was quick to assure us that his grandmother was Irish. The lunch is always such a pleasure to host. The seniors in District 10 are a tremendous resource and truly some of the most dedicated volunteers we have in the community. Without the support and assistance of the Almaden Seniors and the amazing St. Patrick's Day meal cooked by the members of the Association of Retired San Jose Police Officers and Firefighters, this year's event could not have happened!

Easter weekend was also wonderful, giving me the opportunity to attend the HUNT event put on by Venture Christian Church. Children from all over District 10 came out to take part in a phenomenal Easter egg hunt that really stirred up some great community spirit at Jeffrey Fontana park. When the hunt began candy and brightly colored eggs blanketed the field, but by the end, kids of all ages had cleared the grass as far as the eye could see. The month of March wasn't all fun and games though! My office began a community outreach campaign in preparation for the Mayor's budget message and the many City budget sessions that are to come in the next few months. Receiving input and feedback from the residents of District 10 has always been one of my top priorities as your council representative. One way that we were able to do this in the past was through an online survey we used at my "Retail Coming Attractions" economic development forum. The use of a survey was a tremendous success and provided an incredible amount of data to help me serve you even better as your elected representative.

As many of you know, I co-authored a letter with Mayor Reed regarding District 10's upcoming 3rd Annual Budget and Neighborhood Forum. At the end of this letter, I included a link for a budget survey. Thus far, the response has been tremendous and I look forward to announcing the results at the Budget forum on Wednesday May 7th. However, I want to encourage those of you who haven't had

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Councilmember Nancy Pyle chats with local seniors at this year's annual District 10 St. Patrick's Day Lunch. This year's attendees enjoyed a delicious meal compliments of the hardworking members of the Association of Retired San Jose Police Officers and Firefighters.

an opportunity to take the survey yet to take a look and let us know how you feel about these important budget issues. It's as simple as clicking the link at the bottom of this letter and filling out a brief survey. I appreciate your input and know that it will truly assist me as the Council faces many challenging budget decisions in the coming weeks.

Whether visiting with Dublin Lord Mayor Paddy Bourke or getting a chance to attend a variety of District 10 holiday events, my job as your Councilmember is just so incredibly rewarding. I look forward to continuing to serve and represent you as we move into April and begin this year's budget process. I also look forward to your response on the survey and I hope to see you at our 3rd Annual Budget and Neighborhood Forum on Wednesday May 7th at 6:30 pm in the main room of the Almaden Community Center.

[PLEASE CLICK HERE IF YOU HAVE NOT TAKEN THE BUDGET SURVEY](#)

Best Wishes,



Nancy Pyle
Councilmember, District Ten

Citywide Update

- **CPartnering in EPA Campaign to Result in Cost, Energy Savings**

The City became a partner in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR program in February, pledging to reduce the carbon footprint of its IT operations by purchasing ENERGY STAR-approved equipment and using the computers' power management features to reduce power consumption. The project will include an estimated 6,000 computers and monitors across the City departments. The anticipated result is over \$200,000 a year in energy savings with an annual reduction of approximately 250 tons of carbon dioxide. For additional information, please contact Mary Tucker at mary.tucker@sanjoseca.gov.

- **City Data Reduces the Number of Properties on FEMA Floodplain Maps**

Data provided by City staff significantly reduced the number of properties that will be included on the upcoming Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMS) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). When FEMA presented the preliminary 100-year floodplain maps to the City in December 2007, they included the addition of approximately 370 properties in areas near Berryessa Creek, Coyote Creek, Greystone Creek, Silver Creek, and San Tomas Aquino Creek. Data provided by City staff gave FEMA more accurate topographic data that resulted in a majority of these areas being removed from the maps. **This will save both property owners and**

Make An Impact in District 10!



*Thinking of ways to get involved in our community?
For more information please contact the District 10
Office at (408) 535-4910*

Get Involved in your local Neighborhood or Community Association!

This month's highlighted District 10 Community Association is VEP!

VEP (V = Vistapark, E = Encore (and Echo Valley), P = Parkview Valley) represents over 2200 homes in the Blossom Valley area roughly bounded by Chynoweth, Highway 87, Capitol Expressway, and Snell Avenue. The name "VEP" represents the first initials of the original subdivision names that were here when the association formed in 1969.

VEP Community Association Upcoming Events

Saturday May 3rd, starting at 7 a.m.: VEP Community-Wide Garage Sale in the VEP area, roughly bounded by Highway 87, Capitol Expressway, Snell Ave. and Chynoweth Ave. Come one, come all!

Saturday May 3rd, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.: VEP/Gunderson High School E-Waste Collection Event. Safely get rid of unused electronic equipment and benefit Gunderson High School. Drop off at Gunderson High School, 622 Gaundabert Lane. Sponsored by Earthcare Recycling.

For more information on VEP, please visit www.vepca.net. To learn more about other neighborhood and community associations near you, please visit District 10's Association page [here](#).

Did you know?

In March, 2008 the city of Dublin and the city of San Jose celebrated twenty-two years of Sister City friendship!

the City significant costs in flood insurance and increased changes to building construction standards. FEMA is expected to issue the final DFIRMS in late 2008 or early 2009; a coordinated public outreach effort will begin in early summer 2008.

- **Environmental Services Department Spring Update**

City Facilities Evaluated for Solar Feasibility

The Environmental Services Department (ESD) and the U.S Department of Energy (DOE) collaborated throughout February to evaluate the solar feasibility of seven City facilities (Central Service Yard, Water Pollution Control Plant, City Hall Employee Parking Garage, Convention Center, HP Pavilion, Children's Discovery Museum, and the planned Las Plumas Eco park). The work began last July and a final DOE report is expected within the next six months, based on additional site evaluations, financial analysis and other continuing work.

Training Sessions Link Smart Growth Planning

ESD teamed with the State Department of Water Resources to conduct a session linking smart growth land use planning to water quality and global climate change. Seventy staff from the Regional Water Board, Association of Bay Area Governments, and State Coastal Conservancy attended. In addition, in late February, representatives from local metal finishing companies attended an ESD event to learn about regulations and pollution prevention techniques.

Earth Day Celebration

On April 22nd, the City of San Jose will host an Earth Day celebration at City Hall Plaza from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. Planned festivities include the Mayor's Bike Ride, a farmer's market, food, entertainment and a marketplace featuring environmental ideas. All of the activities will highlight the "San Jose Green Vision" by demonstrating actions residents and business owners can take to reduce our carbon footprint.

Mercury Thermometer Exchange Event

ESD is scheduled to hold a thermometer exchange event on Friday, April 25th at the Cypress Senior Center Earth Day celebration. Event attendees can exchange mercury thermometers for digital ones from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. ESD will also take this opportunity to distribute wastewater and stormwater pollution prevention tips.

28 Schools Receive Go Green Mini-Grants

The City's Go Green Schools Program awarded annual mini-grants to 28 San Jose schools in early March to help foster environmental stewardship. Awards ranged from \$500 to \$2,700 and help fund on-campus recycling, gardens and composting as well as field trips and teacher training.



The Lord Mayor of Dublin and a 14-member delegation began the celebration of this 22-year Sister-City relationship with San Jose at a breakfast at the San Jose Museum of Contemporary Art and a flag-raising ceremony on the City Hall Plaza on March 7th. In the above photo, Mayor Reed and Lord Mayor Paddy Bourke stand with students from St. John Vianney School, who sang the US and Irish national anthems. The San Jose Police and Fire Departments Color Guard Units also participated in the flag raising.

The delegation, led by the Lord Mayor of Dublin and Councilor Paddy Bourke, included two city councilors, the city manager, and leaders of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce. They met with City Departments, local companies, and members of the community. The highlight of the Dublin Delegation's visit was the annual Spirit of Ireland Dinner at the San Jose Athletic Club. The sister city relationship was established in 1986 and the visiting delegations usually include Dublin government, business and education leaders.



Spring Tours at Water Pollution Control Plant Proving Popular

Spring tours of the San Jose/ Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant (the Plant) began March 1, with a group of 90 residents; the first of a regular series being offered on the first and third Saturdays during March, April and May. The two-hour tours, offered morning and afternoon, are being promoted as a kickoff to the Plant Master Plan process and as an opportunity to discuss area infrastructure needs and the City's Green Vision. Residents can register by visiting www.sanjoseca.gov/esd or calling Environmental Services Department staff-member Carolina Camarena at (408) 975-2551.

- **Office on Aging Hosts First Fraud Awareness Day**

The Office on Aging hosted its first Fraud Awareness Day in the Council Chambers and City Hall Rotunda on March 7th. The goal of the event was to educate seniors in the community about different types of fraud including predatory mortgage lending, home improvement scams and foreclosure "rescue" scams. There were three speakers throughout the event and over 15 different resource tables available for seniors. Approximately 300 seniors attended the event.

- **Groundwerx Service Teams Making an Impact in Downtown**

Groundwerx, the brand name for the newly-formed Property Business Improvement District (PBID), has already had an impact in the Downtown area. The service teams, dressed in orange and green uniforms, have provided ambassador assistance and enhanced cleaning services in the area from the past seven weeks. The ambassadors supply information and answer visitors' questions around Downtown. The results of the cleaning crews' work can be seen in the improving sidewalk conditions; particularly in the stonework at the transit mall. The Groundwerx Board of Directors holds regular public meetings at the San Jose Downtown Association offices, 28 N. 1st Street, with the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 15th at 8:30 a.m. The City and the San Jose Redevelopment Agency (SJRDA) hold two seats on the eleven-member board. For additional information, please contact Jim Ortbal at jim.ortbal@sanjoseca.gov.

- **San Jose Participates in Satellite Phone Test**

The City of San Jose participated in the North American SMART satellite telephone roll call on February 12th. San Jose Police Communications, San Jose Fire Communications and the San Jose Office of Emergency Services successfully participated in this recent test, reassuring that we have an additional way to communicate in the event of a disaster. The City has been purchasing these phones for various City departments over the past two years using Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant funds and OES staff is developing a plan to rotate City satellite telephone holders into the monthly SMART tests.

Hat's Off for the month of April

Congratulations to the San Jose Youth Symphony!

This month they will be teaming up with Cupertino High School (10100 Finch Ave., Cupertino CA 95014) to benefit students in desperate need in Kenya.

This benefit concert marks the first time all of SJYS's Ensembles will perform at one time and will be hosted April 3rd, 5th and 6th at 7 pm nightly. Tickets are \$25 dollars for adults and \$10 dollars for children. All proceeds will benefit Kenya Dream and SJYS.

Tickets for the Ken-ya Dream? Benefit Concert can be purchased through the San Jose Youth Symphony website (www.sjys.org), by phone (408-885-9220) or at the box officer before the concert. Visit www.kenyadream.us for more information.

Congratulations to Project Cornerstone!

Project Cornerstone recently hosted their 5th Annual Asset Champions Breakfast at the Fairmont hotel in San Jose. This year's theme was "Connecting with Youth: Where Do You Fit?"



Project Cornerstone was founded after a survey showed that most youth in Santa Clara County are missing the positive relationships, opportunities, values, and skills - known collectively as "developmental assets" - that provide the foundation for a healthy, successful future. Project Cornerstone's mission is to train and mobilize adults throughout Santa Clara County to intentionally work to develop healthy, caring, and responsible children and youth.

Project Cornerstone has been recognized for their contributions to the City of San Jose being named as one of the 100 best communities for young people by America's Promise. For more information, visit www.projectcornerstone.org

**Councilmember Nancy Pyle
Invites you to come out and make a
difference in your community
By volunteering in:**

**The Great American Litter Pickup
Saturday, April 12th
9:00 am – 11:30 am**

**Free light breakfast and lunch for
volunteers!
Breakfast & Registration – 8:30
Lunch - 12:00**

**Hoffman Via Monte Neighborhood Center
1180 Blossom Hill Road, Suite 2
San Jose, CA 95118**

Don't let LITTER trash your community!

District 10's Tip of the Month

**- Correction -Do you know how to survive if
you ever suffer a heart attack when you're
alone? This month we're going to tell you
how ...**

Unfortunately it was brought to our attention that last month's tip was not entirely accurate and that coughing during a heart attack can actually be detrimental if not properly timed. The American Heart Association does not recommend that the public use this method in a situation where there is no medical supervision.

Instead, the key to surviving a heart attack is obtaining proper medical attention within a very limited window of opportunity. Rather than risking further injury through cough CPR, those experiencing a heart attack should heed the advice of physicians the world over - down a couple of Aspirin as an emergency remedy. Doctors believe that during the early stages of a heart attack, Aspirin - which is known to prevent blood platelets from sticking together - can prevent a clot from getting bigger. In 1991, Dr. Michael Vance, president of the American Board of Emergency Medicine, recommended that people who think they are having a heart attack should "Call 911, then take an Aspirin."

Courtesy of author Barbara Mikkelsen



Ride with the Mayor

**Mayor Chuck Reed invites you to join him for a
lunch time bike ride to celebrate Earth Day.**

The 45-minute bike ride will depart from City Hall and travel through Downtown San José and the Guadalupe River Trail, ending back at City Hall. This event will be part of an Earth Day festival organized by the City's Environmental Services Department.

**To participate or for more information, please call
408-535-4800 or go to www.sanjoseca.gov/mayor**

**Tuesday April 22, 2008
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
West Plaza (near flagpoles)
200 E. Santa Clara St.
San José, CA 95113**



Celebrate Earth Day will take place Tuesday April 22nd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at City Hall Plaza. Come enjoy a farmer's market, live entertainment, and a marketplace of environmental ideas where you can learn how to "green" your lifestyle. The event includes free giveaways and a chance for Falcon Fans to view the peregrine falcons nesting atop City Hall.

City Wide Phone List

Call Center	535-3500
Police Non-Emergency	311
Code Enforcement	277-4528
Animal Care	578-7297
City Arborist	277-2762
Crime Prevention	277-4133
Crime Stoppers	947-STOP
Drug Hotline	971-DRUG

Councilmember Nancy Pyle invites you to



“Business Watch”

Presented by the Crime Prevention Unit
San Jose Police Department

*As you may have heard in my newsletter or
in one of the local papers or thru the grapevine...
a series of burglaries took place at
the Redmond Shopping Center*

I know about “Neighborhood Watch”...

What is “Business Watch?”

Learn the basics about how to keep crime out of your shopping center and
how you can help bring this program to your shopping center.

*To accommodate your busy schedules we have scheduled both a
morning and evening session.*

8:00am to 9:00am

Thursday, April 10th

Amato Pizzeria

6081 Meridian Avenue at Redmond

7:30pm to 8:30pm

Wednesday, April 23rd

Lime Tree Espresso

171 Branham Lane at Snell



Please RSVP by phone or email to:

Kathy Sutherland

Office of Councilmember Nancy Pyle

535-4981

kathy.sutherland@sanjoseca.gov



Neighborhood Center

Peregrine Falcons Lay a New Egg Atop City Hall

For those of you who followed along last year, the Peregrine falcons are back in San Jose! **On March 13th, resident Peregrine falcon Clara laid the first egg of the falcon season in her nestbox located atop San Jose City Hall.** The egg was discovered by viewers of the FalconCam. The Santa



DOT	277-4373
Environmental Services	535-8550
Hazardous Materials	277-4659
Housing	535-3860
Neighborhood Development Center	723-4114
Parking Enforcement	534-2900
Vehicle Abatement	277-5305
Gang Hotline	293-4264
Anti-Graffiti/Litter	277-3208

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Cruz Predatory Bird Research Group recently hosted a slideshow and discussion on the history of Peregrine falcons in the Bay Area at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. library. To view the FalconCam, go to the City of San Jose's website at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov>.

District 10 Youth & Teen Update

Interested in serving as District 10's next Youth Commissioner?

The City of San Jose will be opening the application process for a new District 10 Youth Commissioner in several months and **Councilmember Pyle would like to invite interested teens in District 10 to visit the weekly Youth Advisory Committee meetings held by current District 10 Youth Commissioner Pardis Khosravi.** Meetings are currently held every Wednesday at 6:00 pm on the second floor of the Almaden Community Center.

Requirements for the Youth Commission include being between the ages of 14 to 20, living in the Council district in which you are applying, availability to attend all monthly commission meetings, and a commitment to at least 20 hours a month for events, meetings, and community projects. As a commissioner, individuals will have the opportunity to educate the community on current youth issues, make recommendations to the City Council and assist in developing new youth programs and services within the City. **For more information, please contact the youth commission staff at (408) 793-5559.**

"San Jose Teen Idol!" Returns for a Second Season

Love to sing? Watch American Idol every week and long to be a star? Sing in the shower when no one's around? Then you just might be San Jose's next Teen Idol!



If you are 12-19 years old and a San Jose resident then you can share your talent during the month of April and have a chance at winning the San Jose Public Library's "San Jose Teen Idol" competition!

Each library will host its own local neighborhood competition. Contestants will be judged on vocal ability and stage presence. First, second and third place winners at each location will receive \$50, \$25 and \$10 dollars respectively. **First place winners will then go on to compete in the Grand Finale at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library on Saturday, May 17th (2:00 - 4:30 pm). The winner of this final competition will become the 2008 "San Jose Teen Idol."**

The Vineland Branch (1450 Blossom Hill Rd.) library's competition will be held on Saturday April 12th from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. The Almaden Branch (6445 Camden Ave.) library's competition will be held on Saturday April 26th from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. Complete rules are available at all San Jose libraries and

World Calendar April 2008

This month the 20th NATO summit will be held in Bucharest, Romania. It is expected that Albania, Croatia and the Republic of Macedonia will be invited to join NATO following the summit; on April 20th elections will be held in Paraguay, and on April 22nd Pennsylvania will hold their primary in the U.S. presidential election.

Wednesday, April 2nd:
9:45 am – 11:00 am

Almaden Senior Association
Almaden Community Center; 6445
Camden Avenue

Saturday, April 5th
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

**Dedication of New Almaden
Historic Photographs, Mobile
Display and Local History Book
Collection**
Almaden Community Center; 6445
Camden Avenue

Saturday, April 5th
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

**Assemblymember Ira Ruskin's
Community Coffee**
Almaden Roasting Company; 6055
Meridian Avenue

Saturday, April 5th and Sunday,
April 6th

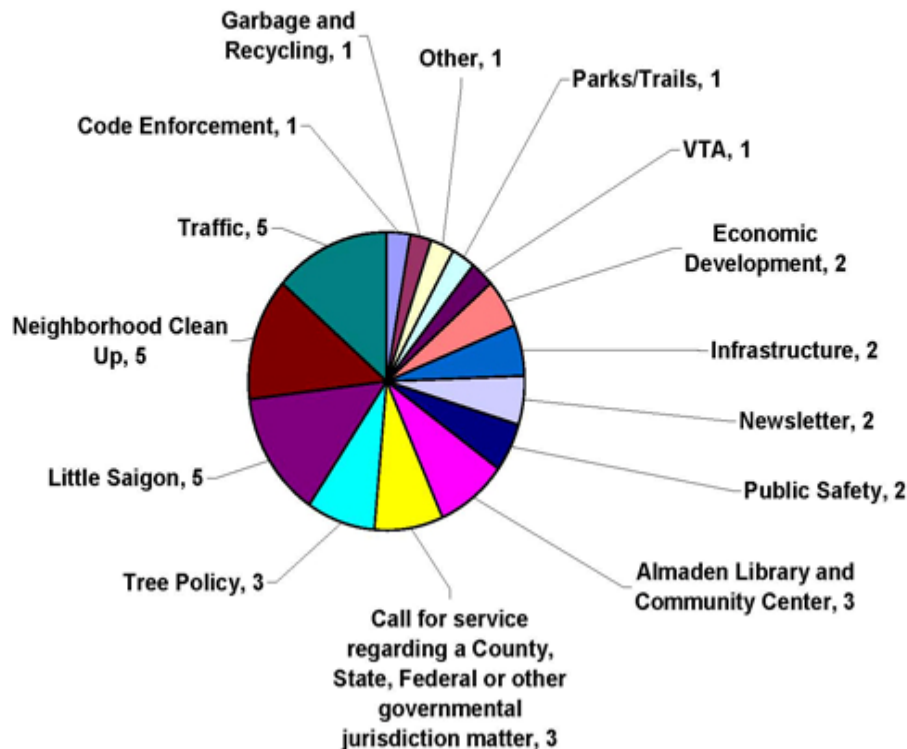
10:00 am – 6:00 pm
**The 5th Annual NoRouz Spring
Festival Celebration**
Vasona Park, Los Gatos CA

online at www.sjlibrary.org/about/events/sj_idol.htm. Stop by the your local library and register for the contest today!

City Council Meetings

The City Council convenes every Tuesday at 1:30 PM at 200 East Santa Clara Street. On the first and third Tuesday of the month the Council meets at 7:00 PM for Public Hearings. Meetings can also be viewed on the web at www.sanjosca.gov or on the City cable TV station, Channel 26/26A.

March 2008 Constituent Concerns, Comments and Requests by Topic



Please note that these statistics only include e-mails and phone calls from District 10 residents, Councilwide e-mails are not included.

"Isn't it appropriate that the month of the tax begins with April Fool's Day and ends with cries of 'May Day!'?"

~ Rob Kknauerhase, Computer Programmer

Saturday, April 12th:
8:30 – 11:30 am, lunch 12:00 pm
Great American Litter Pickup
Meet at the Hoffman Via Monte Neighborhood Center;
1180 Blossom Hill Road

Monday, April 14th
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Almaden Valley Community Association (AVCA) meeting
Almaden Community Center;
6445 Camden Avenue

Wednesday, April 16th
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
[Hoffman Via Monte](#)
Neighborhood Action Coalition Monthly Meeting
Hoffman Via Monte Neighborhood Center; 1180 Blossom Hill Road, #2

Thursday, April 17th
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association (STFNA)
Southside Community Center

Saturday, April 19th
9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Friends of Almaden Library Spring Book Sale
Almaden Community Center;
6445 Camden Avenue

Tuesday, April 22nd
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Free Home and Family Disaster Preparedness Training
Almaden Library;
6445 Camden Ave.



Councilmember Nancy Pyle stands with two of the young participants in this year's HUNT Easter egg event at Fontana Park in Almaden Valley.



Wednesday, April 23rd
7:30 am – 8:30 am
Business Watch Training
Lime Tree Espresso;
171 Branham Ln., San Jose

Tuesday, April 29th
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
**[VEP](#) Neighborhood Association
Monthly Meeting**
Vista Park Community Room; Hyde
Park Dr. & New Compton Drive

Saturday, May 3rd
9:00 am – 3:30 pm
**Vineland Library Friends of the
Library Spring Book Sale**
Vineland Branch Library, 1450
Blossom Hill Road

April Trivia

***Q: In what U.S. city would you
find Boardwalk, Park Place,
Baltic Avenue and St. Charles
place?***

- Answer -

**A: Atlantic City, New Jersey
supplied every name but one for
the board game Monopoly. The
exception is Marvin Gardens,
which was taken - with a slight
spelling change - from Marven
Gardens, a housing estate in
Margate City, 2 miles from
Atlantic City. Useless side fact:
The man in the top hat and
white moustache on the
Community Chest and Chance
cards is named Rich Uncle
Penny-bags.**



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